(b) if so, what has been the limit so far and the increased limit now; and

(c) the reasons for taking this decision by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) For the companies having no profits or inadequate profits limits under schedule XIII to the Companies Act, 1956 have been revised.

(b) Based on effective capital of the company earlier limits were Rs. 75,000/ to Rs. 2,00,000/per month. These have now been revised to Rs. 1,50,000/to Rs. 4,00,000/per month and linked to good corporate governance practices.

(c) The decision was taken as a liberalizing measure and to encourage good corporate governance. The inflation that has taken place since the previous limits were fixed, was also taken into consideration.

Cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts

4886. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts, court-wise;

(b) the number of posts of judges which are vacant;

(c) the number of cases pending with Consumer Courts, State-wise; and

(d) the number of cases disposed of by Supreme Court and High Courts during the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) A Statement (Statement-I) is enclosed (*see below*).

(b) As on 29.4.2002, no post of Judge was vacant in the Supreme Court. As on 29.4.2002, in High Courts, out of the sanctioned strength of 647 posts, 155 posts were lying vacant.

(c) As per information furnished by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the number of cases pending with consumer courts

viz; National Commission, State Commissions and District Fora is as per the Statement enclosed at Statement-II (*See below*).

(d) The number of cases disposed of by the Supreme Court and various High Courts, based on available information is as per Statement-III.

Statement-I

Number of Cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts, Court-wise

Sl. No.	Name of the court	No. of cases pending	As on
	Supreme Court	23,012	1.5.2002
	High Courts :—		
1.	Allahabad	8,67,584	6/2001
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1,45,948	12/2001
3.	Bombay	2,94,915	12/2000
4.	Calcutta	2,82,808	3/2001
5.	Delhi	1,78,001	12/2000
6.	Guwahati	41,317	3/2001
7.	Gujarat	1,41,046	9/2001
8.	Himachal Pradesh	15,604	3/2001
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	32,762	6/2001
10.	Karnataka	85,744	12/2001
11.	Kerala	4,05,469	6/2001
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1,17,141	6/2001
13.	Madras	3,50,107	12/2000
14.	Orissa	1,29,822	6/2001
15.	Patna	78,595	6/2001
16.	Punjab and Haryana	2,33,370	6/2001
17.	Rajasthan	1,32,306	12/2000
18.	Sikkim	122	9/2001
19.	Chhattisgarh		(Newly created High Court)
20.	Jharkhand	18,552	12/2001
21.	Uttaranchal		(Newly created High Court)
	TOTAL:	35,51,213	

Statement-II

(A) *Details of cases filed/disposed of/pending in the National Commission and State Commissions*

Sl. No.		Cases pending	As on
	I National Commission	7912	31.12.2001
	II State Commissions :—		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2337	31.12.2001
2.	A & N Islands	7	31.12.2001
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	31.12.2001
4.	Assam	713	31.12.2001
5.	Bihar	4722	31.12.2001
6.	Chandigarh	318	31.12.2001
7.	Chhattisgarh	0	0
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0
9.	Daman and Diu	5	30.9.2000
10.	Delhi	4948	31.12.2001
11.	Goa	199	31.12.2001
12.	Gujarat	3884	31.12.2001
13.	Haryana	3970	31.12.2001
14.	Himachal Pradesh	1743	31.12.2001
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	547	31.12.2001
16.	Jharkhand	47	31.12.2001
17.	Karnataka	2334	31.12.2001
18.	Kerala	1994	31.12.2001
19.	Lakshadweep	0	31.12.2001
20.	Madhya Pradesh	2990	31.12.2001
21.	Maharashtra	10173	31.12.2001
22.	Manipur	21	31.5.2000
23.	Meghalaya	41	31.12.2001
24.	Mizoram	45	31.12.2001
25.	Nagaland	25	31.3.2000
26.	Orissa	5530	31.12.2001
27.	Pondicherry	39	31.12.2001
28.	Punjab	2570	31.12.2001
29.	Rajasthan	12236	31.12.2001
30.	Sikkim	2	31.12.2001
31.	Tamil Nadu	3418	31.12.2001
32.	Tripura	329	31.12.2001
33.	Uttar Pradesh	24902	31.12.2001
34.	Uttaranchal	0	0
35.	West Bengal	2302	31.12.2001
	TOTAL :	100329	

(B) *Details of Cases pending in District Fora*

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Cases pending	As on
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14771	30.11.2001
2.	A and N Islands	11	31.12.2001
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	28	31.12.2001
4.	Assam	865	31.12.2001
5.	Bihar	11737	31.12.2001
6.	Chandigarh	3485	31.12.2001
7.	Chhattisgarh	1874	30.09.2001
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	10	31.12.1999
9.	Daman and Diu	25	30.9.2000
10.	Delhi	13937	31.12.2001
11.	Goa	736	31.12.2001
12.	Gujarat	17394	31.12.2001
13.	Haryana	22819	31.12.2001
14.	Himachal Pradesh	5197	31.12.2001
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2189	31.03.1999
16.	Jharkhand	3849	31.12.2001
17.	Karnataka	6537	31.12.2001
18.	Kerala	6045	31.12.2001
19.	Lakshadweep	2	31.12.2001
20.	Madhya Pradesh	8021	31.12.2001
21.	Maharashtra	20296	31.12.2001
22.	Manipur	29	31.5.2000
23.	Meghalaya	41	31.12.2001
24.	Mizoram	188	31.6.2001
25.	Nagaland	39	31.3.2000
26.	Orissa	5530	31.12.2001
27.	Pondicherry	42	31.12.2001
28.	Punjab	5881	31.12.2001
29.	Rajasthan	15695	31.12.2001
30.	Sikkim	8	31.12.2001
31.	Tamil Nadu	6406	31.12.2001
32.	Tripura	175	31.12.2001
33.	Uttar Pradesh	67338	31.12.2001
34.	Uttaranchal	—	0
35.	West Bengal	3689	31.12.2001
	TOTAL :	244889	

Statement-III

Number of Cases disposed of by the Supreme Court and various High Courts

Sl. No.	Name of the court	No. of cases Disposed of	
	I Supreme Court	54,247	From 1.01.2001 to 30.04.2002
	II High Courts:—		(Disposal upto quarter ending)
1.	Allahabad	1,01,140	9/2001
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1,22,003	12/2001
3.	Bombay	24,151	3/2001
4.	Calcutta	28,953	6/2001
5.	Delhi	61,887	12/1998
6.	Guwahati	5,879	3/2000
7.	Gujarat	26,097	6/2000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	8,159	9/2001
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	14,903	6/2001
10.	Karnataka	60,837	9/2001
11.	Kerala	1,38,619	12/2001
12.	Madhya Pradesh	33,392	6/2001
13.	Madras	39,631	3/2001
14.	Orissa	11,593	3/2001
15.	Patna	71,017	12/2001
16.	Punjab and Haryana	1,75,743	12/2001
17.	Rajasthan	11,185	3/2001
18.	Sikkim	540	12/2001
19.	Chhattisgarh		(Newly created High Court)
20.	Jharkhand		(Newly created High Court)
21.	Uttaranchal		(Newly created High Court)